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United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

The General Assembly,

Expressing its concern about the threat to humanity represented by the existence of nuclear weapons,

Reaffirming the commitment of the international community to achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world,

Bearing in mind the implications for international peace and security due to the lack of progress in the process of nuclear disarmament,

Recalling the resolve expressed by Member States in the field of peace, security and disarmament in the Millennium Declaration,[1]

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on reducing nuclear danger,[2]

1. *Underlines* the need for the international community to address nuclear disarmament and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in all its aspects;

2. *Underlines also* the importance of complementing the efforts of the Conference on Disarmament and the review process of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to address nuclear disarmament;

3. *Decides* to convene a United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament not later than 2006, in New York, as a follow-up to the resolve expressed by heads of State and Government in the Millennium Declaration;

[1] Resolution 55/2.
[2] A/56/400.

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4. *Also decides* to establish a preparatory committee, open to participation by all States, which will hold no fewer than three sessions, the first session to be held in New York not later than July 2003, the dates of which will be decided at its fifty-seventh session;

5. *Requests* the preparatory committee to recommend the dates for the holding of the conference at the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

6. *Also requests* the preparatory committee to make recommendations to the conference on all relevant matters, including a draft agenda, draft rules of procedure and draft final documents and to decide on background documents to be made available in advance;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render to the preparatory committee and the conference all necessary assistance, including the provision of background information, relevant documents and summary records;

8. *Stresses* the need to ensure the widest possible and effective participation and support of the conference and its preparatory work by non-governmental organizations and civil society;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament".